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**REQUEST  
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| Application Number     | 09/723,868         |
| Filing Date            | November 28, 2000  |
| First Named Inventor   | FANEUF, Daniel     |
| Art Unit               | 3644               |
| Examiner Name          | SMITH, Kimberly S. |
| Attorney Docket Number | FANEUF 00.02       |

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114**a.  Previously submitted

- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.16 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

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- ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

- i.  Amendment/Reply      iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)      iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)

b.  Other (Fee Transmittal)**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 08-1391

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- i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)
- ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)
- iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued

Examination and is being filed within two months of the filing of a Notice of Appeal.

Please enter the following amendment prior to examination and consider the following

remarks.

## **AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this Preliminary Amendment. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this Preliminary Amendment, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account No. 08-

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